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**Preparatory Committee established by General Assembly resolution 69/292: Development of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea on the conservation and sustainable use of marine biological diversity of areas beyond national jurisdiction**

**First session**

New York, 28 March-8 April 2016

# Provisional programme of work

**Monday, 28 March 2016**

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Opening of the session (item 1) |
| | Welcome and opening remarks by the Secretary-General or his representative (item 2) |
| | Adoption of the agenda (item 3) |
| | Election of members of the Bureau (item 4) |
| | Programme of work (item 5) |
| | General statements (item 6) |
| 3-6 p.m. | Development of substantive recommendations on the elements of a draft text of an international legally binding instrument under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (item 7) |
| | Consideration of the scope of an international legally binding instrument and its relationship with other instruments |

**Tuesday, 29 March 2016**

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| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*) |

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| | Consideration of the guiding approaches and principles of an international legally binding instrument |
| 3-6 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Consideration of marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits |
| **Wednesday, 30 March 2016** | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Consideration of measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas |
| 3-6 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Consideration of environmental impact assessments |
| **Thursday, 31 March 2016** | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Consideration of capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology |
| 3-6 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Informal working group on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits |
| **Friday, 1 April 2016** | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Informal working group on marine genetic resources, including questions on the sharing of benefits (*continued*) |
| 3-6 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Informal working group on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas |
| **Monday, 4 April 2016** | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Informal working group on measures such as area-based management tools, including marine protected areas (*continued*) |

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| 3-6 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Informal working group on environmental impact assessments |
| **Tuesday, 5 April 2016** | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Informal working group on environmental impact assessments (*continued*) |
| 3-6 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Informal working group on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology |
| **Wednesday, 6 April 2016** | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Informal working group on capacity-building and the transfer of marine technology (*continued*) |
| 3-6 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Consideration of the issues addressed by the Preparatory Committee to date |
| **Thursday, 7 April 2016** | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Consideration of the issues addressed by the Preparatory Committee to date (*continued*) |
| 3-6 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Consideration of the issues addressed by the Preparatory Committee to date (*continued*) |
| **Friday, 8 April 2016** | |
| 10 a.m.-1 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Consideration of the issues addressed by the Preparatory Committee to date (*continued*) |
| 3-6 p.m. | Item 7 (*continued*)<br>Consideration of a road map for the next sessions of the Preparatory Committee<br>Other matters (item 8) |